

Remarks

With this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-47 are pending in the present application.

Claims 14 and 15 have been amended without prejudice and not in response to prior art or any formal defect. Claims 44-47 are newly presented herein. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added with this Amendment.

An information disclosure statement and form PTO-1449 are concurrently filed herewith. Consideration of the documents cited therein is requested.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 503-495-4575 if any issues arise during examination.

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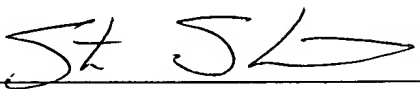
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